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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Andrew Bridge, et al.

Title: **SHAFT COUPLER WITH POSITIVE ANGULAR AND AXIAL LOCKING FEATURES FOR COUPLING PADDLE SECTIONS TOGETHER AND ANGULARLY POSITIONING THE SECTIONS RELATIVE TO EACH OTHER**

Serial No.: 10/631,114

Filing Date: 30 July 2003

Examiner/Unit: Stephen Avila / 3617

Attorney Docket No.: 2153-001-03

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

27 August 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the office action mailed 1 June 2004, the applicants' attorney amends the claims and requests reconsideration of the application in light of the amendment and remarks included in this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is:

X A response/amendment in the above-identified application.
X The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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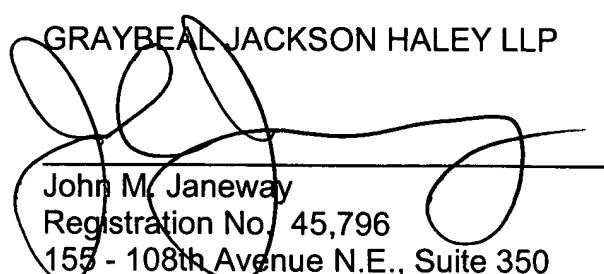
	<u>Claims Remaining After Amendment</u>		<u>Highest Number Previously Paid for</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Addl. Fee</u>
Total Claims	26	Minus	23	= 3	x \$18/ <u>\$9</u>	= \$ 27.00
Independent Claims	6	Minus	3	= 3	x \$86/ <u>\$43</u>	= \$129.00

Total additional fee for
this amendment **\$146.00**

- Check No. 22704 in the amount of \$146.00 for the additional claims fee is enclosed.
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